

Lastly, we have obligations to the thousands of Afghans who supported us, mainly as interpreters for our military. They were promised special immigrant visas to get them out of harm's way, but many have yet to materialize. The Taliban view them as traitors: Since 2014, there have been at least 300 targeted killings of people who worked with us. Many more will die if the administration doesn't take immediate steps to speed up the process to get them out safely. These are vital issues Mr. Biden and his team must address—before we pull out on Sept. 11.

Yet so far they have offered no clarity on what counterterrorism agreements, if any, have been reached with other countries. They have provided only minimal assurances for how they will secure the safety of our embassy and personnel. They appear to have no plans for protecting Afghan women. And they have announced no strategy to address the visa backlog that could endanger thousands of our Afghan partners' lives.

When America pulls out of a conflict zone at the wrong time, it creates a vacuum in which the terrorist threat grows again. That, in turn, eventually requires a re-entry of forces to keep Americans safe. So begins yet another forever war.

The ill-advised decision to pull out of Afghanistan may do just that. But by ensuring proper guardrails are in place, we have a chance to limit the fallout.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

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Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 13, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 17

6 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on the challenges and opportunities for the United States in the Horn of Africa.

SVC-217

MAY 18

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Paul J. LaCamera, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Defense

To hold hearings to examine the National Guard and Reserve.

SH-216

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program.

WEBEX

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security

To hold hearings to examine protecting kids online, focusing on internet privacy and manipulative marketing.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine funding and financing options to bolster American infrastructure.

WEBEX

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine paid leave for working families, focusing on examining access, options, and impacts.

SD-106

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the role of the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis.

SD-342/VTC

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To hold hearings to examine the cybersecurity of the defense industrial base.

SR-222

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher Charles Fonzzone, of Pennsylvania, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Brett M. Holmgren, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research).

SH-216

3 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Tourism, Trade, and Export Promotion

To hold hearings to examine reviving international travel and tourism to create and restore jobs.

SR-253

MAY 19

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Bonnie D. Jenkins, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, Jose W. Fernandez, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment), to be United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and to be United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, and other pending nominations; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary (Western Hemi-

sphere Affairs), and Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Organization Affairs), both of the Department of State, and other pending nominations.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

SD-138

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine rethinking disaster recovery and resiliency, focusing on protecting communities and accelerating assistance.

SD-192

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine biodiversity loss, focusing on drivers, impacts, and potential solutions.

SD-G50

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine COVID-19 health care flexibilities, focusing on perspectives, experiences, and lessons learned.

WEBEX

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine the Internal Revenue Service, focusing on narrowing the tax gap and improving taxpayer services.

SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine COVID-19, focusing on evaluating the medical supply chain and pandemic response gaps.

SD-342/VTC

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine antitrust applied, focusing on hospital consolidation concerns and solutions.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine realizing the vision of Parren Mitchell, focusing on untapping the potential of minority and women contracting.

SR-301

3 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine military infrastructure and climate resilience.

SD-192

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-G50

4:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's atomic defense activities and programs in review of the

Defense Authorization Request for fis- cal year 2022 and future years defense program.	10 a.m.	MAY 25	fiscal year 2022 for the Department of State.
SR-232A	Committee on Appropriations		
	To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for		